

HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS AND NOTES from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
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2012 Historic Preservation Awards Announced

The statewide historic preservation awards recognize exemplary preservation projects and commitment to preserving our state's historic resources. It is sponsored by the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, the Office of the Governor, and the S.C. Department of Archives and History. Congratulations to the following award recipients:

- **Governor's Award:** Ernest L. Helms, III, Society Hill
- **Heritage Tourism Award:** Historic Columbia Foundation for "Connecting Communities Through History"
- **Stewardship Award:** Boxwood Manor: The Lewis-Moorhead Home, Pendleton
- **Stewardship Award:** Penn Center, Inc. National Historical Landmark District
- **Preservation Service Award:** Richland County Conservation Commission for its Historic Preservation Grant Program
- **Preservation Service Award:** City of Conway for "Historic Design Review Districts: Community Appearance Guidelines"
- **Honor Award:** Randolph Hall, Porters Lodge, and Towell Library Exterior, Charleston
Recipients: College of Charleston and Cummings & McCrady, Inc.
- **Honor Award:** Lancaster County Courthouse
Recipients: Lancaster County, SC Association of Counties Property and Liability Trust, and Boykin & Munnerlyn Architects & Associates
- **Honor Award:** Irwin House, Spartanburg

Recipients: Dr. Vivian Fisher and Mr. Jim Newcomb, RRS Restorations, and Martin E. Meek

- **Honor Award:** 93 & 97 Broad Street, Charleston
Recipients: Meadors Inc., Wills, Massalon & Allen, LLC, and Ben and Kelly Navarro
- **Honor Award:** "If Walls Could Speak" - Williams-Earle Slave Cabin
Recipients: Greenville County School District – Roper Mountain Science Center, Thomas Riddle with the Greenville County Historic Commission, and Mountain Sturdy Oak Restoration

To learn more go to <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/awards.aspx>.

State Board of Review Approves Nine Nominations to the National Register

The South Carolina State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met on March 30, 2012 and approved the following nominations to the National Register:

- Faith Cabin Libraries in South Carolina, 1932 – 1943 (Multiple Property Submission)
- Anderson County Training School Faith Cabin Library, Anderson County
- Seneca Junior College Faith Cabin Library, Oconee County
- Mulberry Chapel Methodist Church, Cherokee County
- E.W. Montgomery Cotton Warehouse, Greenville County
- Earle R. Taylor House & Peach Packing Shed, Greenville County
- Efird's Department Store, Richland County
- Drayton Mills, Spartanburg County
- Frank Evans High School, Spartanburg County

These nominations will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service in Washington, DC who makes the final decision about listing the property. For more information about the National Register program contact Andy Chandler at chandler@scdah.state.sc.us or 803-896-6179.

Historic Preservation Conference Presentations Online

Several of the presentations from the 2012 Historic Preservation Conference held March 29 – 30, 2012 are online at <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx>.

Research Corner: Historic Survey Reports and Contexts

Over the past several years, the SHPO has worked to digitize and make available online reports from historic property surveys, historic contexts, and multiple property

submissions for the National Register. These reports often provide important background information for cities and towns in South Carolina, as well as topics such as Pre-history, African American, Agriculture, Architecture, Industry, and Military. Check out the Historic Contexts, Survey Reports and Other Historical Background Studies page at <http://shpo.sc.gov/research/Pages/conreps.aspx>.

SC Humanities Council Grants

SC Humanities Council grants can assist a wide range of projects. Two recent grants help promote a greater understanding of National Register listed properties. For more information about the grants program go to <http://www.schumanities.org/grants>.

Fort Fremont on St. Helena Island, Beaufort County: The Friends of Fort Fremont Historical Park created an exhibit *Fort Fremont: Beaufort in the Spanish American War and Coast Defense* that will be on display in Beaufort at the Verdier House from March 23 - June 30, 2012. See <http://schumanities.org/home/newsstory/451> and this link to National Register information <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/beaufort/S10817707067/index.htm>.

Pottersville, Edgefield County: The Edgefield County Historical Society sponsored the creation of a brief documentary "Pottersville: Home of Alkaline Glazed Stoneware" that follows an archaeological team from the University of Illinois as they excavate the massive kiln that produced much of the area's pottery. The video is on You Tube - find the link at <http://schumanities.org/home/newsstory/457>. National Register information is at <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/edgefield/S10817719010/index.htm>.

National Trust for Historic Preservation Launches National Treasures Program

The National Trust has launched its new initiative to provide intensive assistance to historic sites. According to the Trust, "preservationists are all too familiar with the many threats that lead to the loss of treasured historic places. But just imagine if you could bring an extensive array of resources—preservation, advocacy, legal, marketing, and fund raising—to combat those threats and save historic resources. That's the founding principal behind National Trust National Treasures. This revolving portfolio of sites represents critically threatened places across the country where the National Trust is making a deep organizational investment." To learn more about the 22 sites on the list, criteria for selecting sites (they plan to expand the list to 100), and an actual Treasures campaign in action, see <http://www.preservationnation.org/forum/library/public-articles/national-treasures-brought.html>.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation News

The ACHP recently published "Measuring Economic Impacts of Historic Preservation" by Donovan Rypkema and Caroline Cheong of PlaceEconomics. It provides an

overview of studies on the economic benefits of historic preservation. It is available at <http://www.achp.gov/docs/economic-impacts-of-historic-preservation-study.pdf>.

Preserve America Executive Order, E.O. 13287, calls for a comprehensive report every three years on the state of the federal government's stewardship of its historic properties. Here is the most recent report, delivered to President Obama on February 15 <http://www.achp.gov/docs/2012Section3ReportFINALLowRes.pdf>.

J. Timothy Anderson Awards for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation

The National Housing & Rehabilitation Association seeks nominations for the J. Timothy Anderson Awards for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation, which honor outstanding rehabilitation and preservation projects based on overall design and quality, interpretation and respect of historic elements, impact on the community, and financial and market success. Categories include:

- Best Commercial/Retail/Non-Residential Project
- Best Historic Rehab Utilizing LIHTCs (Up to \$5 million total development cost)
- Best Historic Rehab Utilizing LIHTCs (Over \$5 million total development cost)
- Best Historic Rehab Utilizing New Markets Tax Credits
- Best Market-Rate / Mixed-Income Residential
- Best Historic Rehabilitation Project Involving New Construction
- Most Innovative Adaptive Reuse
- Judges Award: Most Advanced Financial Structure
- Judges Award: Achievement in Sustainability

Visit <http://www.housingonline.com/TimmyAward.aspx> to download the application and instructions. The deadline is July 20, 2012. For more information call 202-939-1773 or email gsidorov@dworbell.com.

Conferences/Workshops/Events

NEW Campbell Center 2012 Preservation Workshops: Located in Mt. Carroll, Illinois, the [Campbell Center](#) for Historic Preservation Studies offers hands-on specialized training for historic preservation professionals and trades people. The Campbell Center operates on a historic campus that includes 14 masonry buildings in need of every type of preservation, making it a lab for hands-on training. Classes are 2-5 days in length and lodging and meals are included with each workshop registration. For general questions, e-mail registrations@campbellcenter.org. For questions about courses, scholarships, and programming e-mail: director@campbellcenter.org.

NEW Preservation Workshop for Owners of Older and Historic Homes, May 5, 2012 from 9:00am to 12:30pm at the Eau Claire Print Building in Columbia, SC. Hosted by the City of Columbia's Preservation Office, this free Saturday workshop is the final

installment in a series of workshops designed to educate homeowners about historic preservation and how they can best conserve the historic fabric of their homes. Topics for this upcoming workshop include sustainability and energy efficiency, architectural history and research, as well as sensitive renovations and additions. Speakers will include upstate architect Martin Meek, USC professor Dr. Lydia Brandt, and Betsy Kleinfelder from the Sustainability Institute. For more information and registration call Staci Richey at 803-545-3328 or e-mail slrichey@columbiasc.net.

Cemetery Preservation (May 9 – 10, 2012) and **Cemetery Landscapes: A Practical Guide to Care and Maintenance** (May 11, 2012), Greensboro, NC. Participants in these National Preservation Institute seminars will learn how to begin a cemetery project and make sound choices. Topics covered include documentation and recording, conservation techniques and issues, and preservation projects. To learn more about the seminars and registration go to <http://www.npi.org/>. Scholarships are available to attend both seminars. **April 24 is the last day to register!**

Training Seminar for Boards and Commissions, May 22, 2012, in Rock Hill. The City of Rock Hill is hosting a seminar “You Can’t Unscramble an Omelet: Actions & Decisions of Boards and Commissions” from 2 – 5 p.m. for planning and zoning officials, boards and commission members. The workshop will be led by C. Gregory Dale, FAICP, co-author of *The Citizen’s Guide to Planning, 4th Edition*. For more information or to register contact Janice E. Miller, Historic Preservation Specialist with the City, at 803-817-5129, JEMiller@cityofrockhill.com. The seminar is approved for three hours of Continuing Education Credit for Boards and Commissions by the South Carolina Planning Education Advisory Committee.

UPDATE National Rosenwald Schools Conference: 100 Years of Pride, Progress, and Preservation, June 14 – 16, 2012, Tuskegee, AL. It will feature more than 30 educational sessions, along with documentary films, poster presentations, hands-on workshops, and tours to help novices and seasoned preservationists alike get organized, tackle and finish their Rosenwald School restorations. Speakers include poet Nikki Giovanni, Dr. Peter M. Ascoli (descendant of J. Rosenwald), Robin Washington Banks (descendant of B. T. Washington), Jacqueline Serwer (Smithsonian National Museum of African-American History and Culture) and Dr. Alvin Thornton (Howard University). To learn more and to register see www.preservationnation.org/rosenwald.

6th Annual National Underground Railroad Conference, June 20 – 23, 2012, in St. Augustine, FL. See <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/ugrr/community/annual-conference.html> or contact Turkiya L. Lowe, Ph.D., at turkiya_lowe@nps.gov, 404-507-5830.

The Association for Gravestone Studies Annual Conference, June 19 – 24, 2012, Monmouth University, in West Long Branch, NJ. See <http://www.gravestonestudies.org/welcome.htm>.

National Alliance of Preservation Commission's Forum, July 19 – 22, 2012 in Norfolk, VA. Features a wide range of workshops and sessions specifically for local historic preservation commissions and boards of architectural review. See <http://napc.uga.edu/forum2012/>.

NEW Association for Preservation Technology and Preservation Trades Network Joint Conference, September 29 – October 4, 2012, in Charleston, SC. With the theme “Cornerstones: Collaborative Approaches to Preservation”, the conferences will focus on creating dialogues between design, engineering, preservation and the building trades/industry. More information is at <http://www.apti.org/conferences/conference-current.cfm>.

Grant Application Deadlines

May 1, 2012: National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions. Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions—such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities—improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials. For complete details see <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html>. Program questions should be directed to NEH's Division of Preservation and Access at 202-606-8570 or preservation@neh.gov.

For More Grants Information

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's federal grants office maintains a blog which also includes a calendar of upcoming deadlines and useful tips to help navigate through the federal grant application process. See <http://nthpgrants.blogspot.com/>.

- <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/Documents/hpfinancialincent.pdf>
- www.grants.gov
- <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>
- www.npguides.org
- <http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/grant-and-funding-sources>
- <http://www.achp.gov/funding.html>

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